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A draft resolution of the Main Department for Technology (Hauptabteilung Technik) of the East German Ministry of Construction, dated 14 May 1956, stated that the following proposed measures are to be taken in the field of research and development during 1956 and 1957:

1. In 1957, two experimental departments (Versuchsabteilungen) are to be created in nationalized construction enterprises (volkseigene Baubetriebe) to carry out experimental work and construct models in the field of building construction.¹ These experimental departments are to receive their assignments from the Ministry for Construction in the form of special plans. They are to be economically independent (wirtschaftlich selbstaendig) and personnel and materials assigned to them are to be exempt from transfer to other projects or organizations. For individual projects being worked out by these experimental departments, staff members of the research institutes or qualified personnel of the enterprise concerned with the specific project are to be placed in charge of the scientific work.
2. For the purpose of conducting experimental work in the production of finished cement parts (Betonfertigteile), experimental departments, with a production capacity equivalent to about 10,000 DME a piece are to be built and equipped at VEB Betonwerke Cossebaude and the cement plant at Magdeburg², both of which are to start operating in 1957. The program of work to be carried out by these experimental departments is to be worked out by the Main Department of Technology with the help of the enterprises or organizations concerned. These experimental departments are to be financed from the Central Fund for Research and Technology, and the Department of Research and Technical-Scientific Cooperation of the Main Administration of Technology is to be responsible for planning.
3. Each enterprise in the Ministry of Construction will be authorized to use up to one percent of the funds allocated for construction investments in experimental work and the construction of models each year. Funds for these purposes are to be listed separately in the investment plan.

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1. Comment: It is not clear whether there are to be two such departments created in each nationalized enterprise or a total of two, to be located in two - unspecified - enterprises.

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2. Comment: Probably VEB Baustoffwerk Magdeburg is meant.

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